

REMARKS

Claim 1 is amended to recite that one surface of the double-sided pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet is *capable of being adhered* substantially entirely on the touch panel, and the other surface is *capable of being adhered* substantially entirely on the display surface of the display device by incorporating the subject matter of claim 4 and claim 4 is canceled. Claim 1 is further amended to recite that the proportion of the major monomer component constituting each pressure-sensitive adhesive layer is 80% by weight or more based on the whole amount of the monomer components, based on page 25, lines 21-26 of the specification.

Claim 2 is amended to recite from “three to five pressure-sensitive adhesive layers” as suggested by the Examiner.

Claim 6 is amended to change its dependency in view of the cancellation of claim 4.

No new matter is presented.

I. Response to Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd Paragraph

Claims 1, 2 and 4-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner states that it is still unclear whether or not claim 1 in its present form reads on just a double-sided PSA sheet, or from the language “being stuck . . .” in line 3 and 4, whether each of the objects to which the sheet is stuck are in fact part of the claimed genus of articles. The Examiner also states that claim 2 should read “three to five....” because the embodiment encompassed by “at least two” PSA layers is already claimed in claim 1.

Claims 1 and 2 are amended as discussed above, thereby obviating the rejections.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the §112, second paragraph rejection.

II. Response to Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 1st Paragraph

Claims 1, 2 and 4-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 1st paragraph, allegedly because the specification, is not enabling for attaining optical isotropy

Applicants respectfully and submit that when the pressure-sensitive adhesive layer is formed, the pressure-sensitive adhesive solution is coated. According to this method, the optical isotropy is attained because no dynamic strained is provided. Thus, in view of the knowledge and skill of those of ordinary skill in the art, the nature of the invention and the guidance provided in the present specification, one of ordinary skill in the art can practice the scope of the invention.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the §112, first paragraph rejection.

III. Response to Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 2 and 4-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over JP 07-105781.

Claims 1, 2 and 4-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Kishioka (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0098352) either individually or in view of JP 07-105781.

Applicants respectfully submit that the cited references do not teach or suggest the presently claimed invention. Without conceding the merits of the rejection, claim 1 is amended to recite that at least one pressure-sensitive adhesive layer of the pressure-sensitive adhesive layers in the both outer sides has a 180°-peeling adhesive strength (to a glass plate or a triacetyl cellulose film at a peeling rate of 300 mm/min at 23°C) of not more than 5.0 N/20 mm and that the proportion of the major monomer component constituting each pressure-sensitive adhesive layer is 80% by weight or more based on the whole amount of the monomer components.

None of the cited references teach or suggest these features of the present invention as recited in amended claim 1. Thus, the present invention is not rendered obvious.

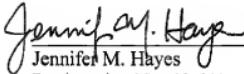
Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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